

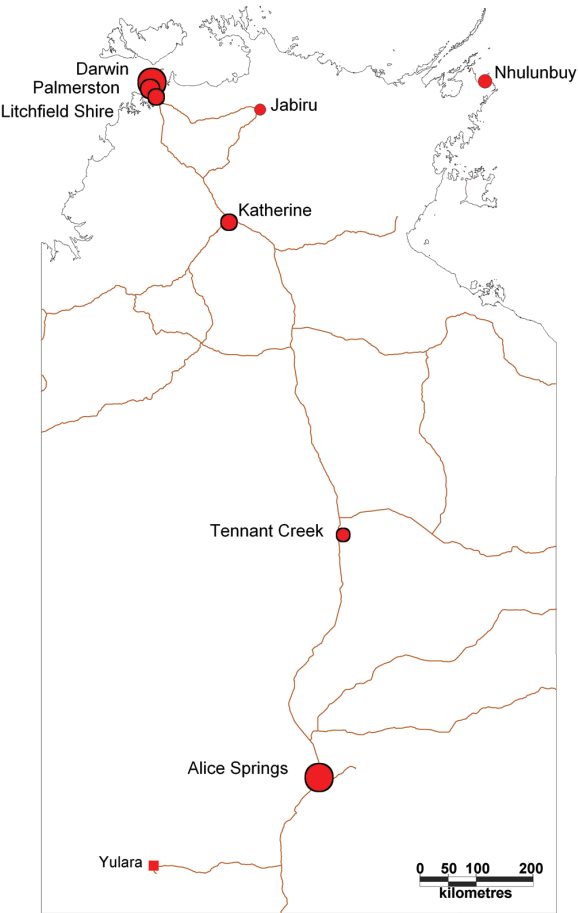


Northern Territory at a Glance 2010



The Northern Territory comprises a land area of 1,346,200 km². It is the third largest of the states and territories after Western Australia and Queensland, yet has the smallest population. Compared to other states and territories, the Northern Territory has a relatively young population (median age of 31 compared to the national median age of 38) and the highest proportion of Indigenous people (approximately 30%). The Northern Territory has the highest ratio of males to females of the states and territories, with an estimated 108 males per 100 females.

Darwin is the capital city of the Northern Territory, and is the largest of all the Territory's towns and cities, with an estimated population of 75 908. The second largest is Palmerston, with an estimated population of 29 346, and approximately 16 kilometres south of Darwin. Alice Springs is the third largest population centre, with an estimated population of 27 877.



PEOPLE

DEMOGRAPHY

Estimated Resident Population at 30 June

2008

2009

Local Government Area

Alice Springs	no.	27 566	27 877
Barkly ¹	no.	7 949	8 077
Belyuen	no.	203	205
Central Desert	no.	4 658	4 743
Coomalie	no.	1 272	1 295
Darwin	no.	73 984	75 908
East Arnhem	no.	9 683	9 886
Katherine	no.	9 943	10 095
Litchfield	no.	18 333	18 847
MacDonnell	no.	7 021	7 142
Palmerston	no.	28 117	29 346
Roper Gulf	no.	6 739	6 905
Tiwi Islands	no.	2 495	2 525
Victoria–Daly	no.	6 720	6 868
Wagait	no.	327	332
West Arnhem	no.	6 665	6 806
Unincorporated NT ²	no.	8 828	9 081
Northern Territory	no.	220 503	225 938

¹ Includes Tennant Creek with a population of 3 505 in 2008 and 3 558 in 2009.

² Includes Nhulunbuy with a population of 4 864 in 2008 and 5 001 in 2009.

Estimated Resident Population by age (years)

at 30 June 2009

Male

Female

0–4	no.	9 470	9 002
5–14	no.	17 782	16 603
15–24	no.	18 323	16 594
25–64	no.	64 728	60 394
65+	no.	6 381	5 571
Total	no.	116 684	108 164

Experimental Estimated Resident Indigenous

Population by age at 30 June 2006¹

Male

Female

0–4	no.	3 982	3 792
5–14	no.	7 547	7 111
15–24	no.	6 368	6 290
25–64	no.	12 915	14 141
65+	no.	915	1 528
Total	no.	31 514	32 491

¹ Final estimates based on 2006 Census.

DEMOGRAPHY

Vital Statistics		2007	2008
Indigenous births	no.	1 595	1 560
Total births	no.	3 894	3 942
Rate per 1 000 population		18.1	17.9
Indigenous deaths	no.	461	467
Total deaths	no.	1001	1041
Rate per 1 000 population		4.7	4.7

EDUCATION

		2008	2009
Primary and secondary schools	no.	187	188
Teaching staff (full-time equivalent)	no.	3 117	3 284
Full-time students	no.	39 057	38 489

LABOUR MARKET

Labour Force (trend)		Feb. 2009	Feb. 2010
Employed persons	'000	117.4	120.9
Unemployed persons	'000	4.9	4.0
Unemployment rate	%	4.0	3.2
Labour force	'000	122.3	124.9
Participation rate	%	74.2	74.0
Civilian population aged 15 and over	'000	164.8	169.1

Average Weekly Earnings (trend)		Nov. 2008	Nov. 2009
All males total earnings	\$	1 092.00	1 142.80
All females total earnings	\$	819.80	878.80
All employees total earnings	\$	950.10	1008.80

		Dec. 2008	Dec. 2009
Wage Price Index ¹ (original)	% change	4.8	3.4

¹ Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

		Aug. 2001	Aug. 2006
Commonwealth Government	no.	8 902	8 345
State/Territory Government	no.	13 744	13 711
Local Government	no.	1 127	4 015
Private sector	no.	52 481	59 381
CDEP ¹	no.	5 656	na

¹ Not identified separately in 2006.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

February 2010 (original)	'000	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3.4	2.9
Mining	3.9	3.3
Manufacturing	6.3	5.4
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	2.0	1.7
Construction	10.6	9.1
Wholesale and retail trade	12.9	11.1
Accommodation and food services	4.9	4.2
Transport, postal and warehousing	6.7	5.7
Information media and telecommunications	1.1	0.9
Finance and insurance services	1.6	1.4
Rental, hiring and real estate services	2.2	1.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	6.6	5.7
Administrative and support services	3.4	2.9
Public administration and safety	19.8	17.0
Education and training	10.5	9.0
Health care and social assistance	13.6	11.7
Arts and recreation services	1.8	1.5
Other services	5.6	4.8
Total	116.6	100.0

ECONOMY

PRICES – Darwin

		Dec. 2008	Dec. 2009
Consumer Price Index	% change ¹	3.7	3.0
Established House Price Index	% change ¹	6.3	p13.6

¹ From corresponding Qtr of previous year.

	Dec. qtr 2008	Dec. qtr 2009
Average Retail Prices		
Milk (2 litre bottle)	\$4.17	\$4.25
Bread, white loaf, sliced (650g–750g)	\$3.97	\$4.10
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285ml glass)	\$3.30	\$3.65
Bananas (1kg)	\$4.26	\$4.29
Rump steak (1kg)	\$18.84	\$18.67
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	\$1.40	\$1.30

OVERSEAS TRADE

		2008	2009
Total value of NT imports	\$m	3 702	3 699
Total value of NT exports	\$m	6 005	5 216

ECONOMY

AGRICULTURAL & FISHING — EXPORTS

		2008	2009
Live cattle	\$'000	242 214	200 165
	no.	388 329	327 328
Meat	\$'000	312.9	1 484.9
Fish	\$'000	370.7	132.9
Hides & skins of saltwater crocodiles	\$'000	8 233.5	8 730.4
Fruit and nuts	\$'000	1 148.9	2 056.2
Vegetables	\$'000	9.5	121.2

MINING

Mineral Commodities		2006-07	2007-08
Total fuel minerals	\$m	3 518	3 499
Crude oil	\$m	845	720
Liquefied natural gas	\$m	1 061	1 056
Total metallic minerals	\$m	1 525	1 547
Gold	\$m	427	430
Uranium oxide	\$m	365	461
Total industrial minerals	\$m	988	1 040
Manganese ore	\$m	982	1 025
Total mineral commodities	\$m	6 047	6 097

Mineral Exploration Expenditure		2007-08	2008-09
Petroleum exploration	\$m	263.8	246.7
Mineral exploration (other than petroleum)	\$m	132.7	146.2

TRANSPORT

		2008	2009
Sales of new motor vehicles (original)	no.	10 662	9 051
Vehicles Registered at 31 March		2008	2009
Motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	no.	113 813	118 056
Motor cycles	no.	4 365	4 930

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Hotels, Motels and Serviced Apartments (15 or more rooms)		Sept. qtr 2009	Dec. qtr 2009
Establishments	no.	97	97
Persons employed	no.	3 335	3 063
Takings from accommodation	\$m	86.2	55.3
Room occupancy rate	%	74.3	58.7

ECONOMY

RETAIL TRADE – SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Turnover (original)		2008r	2009r
Food retailing	\$m	1 099.9	1 174.6
Clothing, footwear, personal accessories	\$m	145.7	143.9
Household goods retailing	\$m	474.6	498.1
Cafes, restaurants, takeaway food services	\$m	241.7	325.3
Total all industries¹	\$m	2 406.4	2 631.0

¹ For included industries see Retail Trade, Australia (cat.no. 8501.0).

CONSTRUCTION

Building Approvals (original)		2008	2009
Total new houses	no.	571	882
Total new other residential buildings	no.	325	405
Total residential buildings	\$m	905	1309
Total non-residential buildings	\$m	12	2
Total building	\$m	917	1311

ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATE

		Darwin	Alice Springs
Mean annual rainfall	mm	1 707.9	277.3
Mean annual temperature			
minimum	°C	23.2	13.2
maximum	°C	32.0	28.7
Mean annual relative humidity			
9.00 a.m.	%	71	42
3.00 p.m.	%	54	25

Highest daily rainfall 544.6mm was recorded at Roper Valley on 15 April 1963.

Highest monthly rainfall 1252.1 mm was recorded at Redbank Mine in January 2003.

Highest daily maximum temperature 48.3°C was recorded at Finke Post Office on 1 and 2 January 1960.

Lowest daily minimum temperature -7.5°C was recorded at Alice Springs Airport on 17 July 1976.

Source: Bureau of Meteorology 2009, Darwin, <www.bom.gov.au>.

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SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CDEP	Commonwealth Development Employment Program	na	not available
		p	preliminary data
		r	revised data
g	grams	qtr	quarter
kg	kilograms	%	per cent
km ²	square kilometres	'000	thousands
ml	millilitres	\$'000	thousand dollars
mm	millimetres	\$	dollars
no.	number	\$m	million dollars
np	not available for publication	°C	degrees Celsius

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